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Statement from Rep. Bernard Schaber on Gov. Walker's Secretive War on Women Bill Signing

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released the following statement regarding Gov. Walker signing of Acts 216-219:

"I am very disappointed—not just that Gov. Walker would sign such anti-woman legislation into law—but that he did it behind closed doors without any advanced notice. Just like when he announced that his administration would be withdrawing funding for cancer screening for Fox Valley women only days before Christmas, Gov. Walker's latest attack on women's rights comes as Wisconsin families are distracted from the news by their holiday plans. If Gov. Walker and the Republicans in the Legislature think these bills are right for Wisconsin, then they should be proudly signing them in the light of day.

"It is understandable why Gov. Walker would want to keep these bills quiet. He doesn't want to call more attention to the fact that instead of focusing on bringing Democrats and Republicans together to pass bipartisan jobs legislation, he chose to push an extreme social agenda instead. Taking away women's protections from discrimination and access to health care won't create any jobs."

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